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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : Harry E. Fitzwater, Director of Joint Computer Support *HEF*

SUBJECT : OJCS Support to the Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations (STR), White House

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 11 Nov 75 to DD/A from D/OJCS, same subject

1. This memorandum is an update on the status of OJCS support to STR to keep you current on our involvement.

2. Our major commitment to STR during the last six months was to convert trade data to a GIM data base. However, the last set of data that was converted was handled completely by STR. We have given them all the necessary software and documentation to do the conversions for themselves.

3. The STR is building their own GIM programming staff and has a contract with TRW, Inc. for additional help. Our only role with STR is in an advisory capacity. We spend about two hours per month in meetings with STR personnel and answer an average of two to three telephone calls a week.

4. We are keeping a copy of the data base at the request of OER, which has made little use of the information. Their activity may pick up when the negotiations in Geneva intensify.

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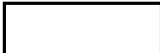
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

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1. I would appreciate your review of the issue discussed in the attached memorandum of 11 November 1975, from Harry Fitzwater to me. My initial reactions are, first, that enough is enough and, secondly, I think we would be politically wise to assist the Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations (STR) to effect other arrangements to have the program carried on.

2. I would appreciate your thoughts on this matter.

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/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
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Administration

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : OJCS Support to the Office of Special
Representative for Trade Negotiations
(STR), White House

1. This memorandum is a summary of the OJCS role in support to STR. My people and I believe that such support is a proper Agency and OJCS role, and we are highlighting it only so that you remain current on this support. Our role has been extended in time beyond that which we originally projected. And, in the present climate, some of my people have expressed apprehension over the possibility of a leak about our role and of someone then misconstruing it.

2. The United States is currently participating in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland. The Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations is attached to the White House and is responsible for conducting the negotiations. This Agency has supported STR in the design and development of its computer system for this support. Following is a brief history of our participation and our current commitments.

3. In preparation for the talks GSA gave computer system support to STR during 1973. STR asked GSA to study the requirements of all the Government Agencies participating in the negotiations (State, Agriculture, Treasury, Commerce, Tariff Commission, and STR), and to design and implement a system to handle these consolidated requirements. There were conflicting requirements from the users, and in order to accommodate such diversity, the data base grew to 200 million characters. Such volume on an interactive system coupled with the various retrieval requirements created the need for a sophisticated and complex system. STR became dissatisfied with the support from GSA and in early 1974 asked this Agency (through OER) for technical support. OER continued as liaison, and OJCS provided the computer support. In June 1974, OJCS submitted a Feasibility Study which outlined the

requirements for a centralized file which all U.S. participants could share, and this study was accepted. Then, in October 1974, OJCS followed with a Project Proposal which specified the details for the design. Because Applications Division, OJCS had expertise in design of large interactive information systems, the proposal also recommended that OJCS develop the software, but that STR should contract with a private hardware/software vendor to provide the subsequent production support.

4. STR accepted the OJCS proposal and its recommendations, and surfaced the additional requirement of having the system accessible in Geneva for all countries. There were two basic reasons for the Geneva accessibility.

a) The U.S. negotiators wished immediate access for updates, queries, and ad hoc reports.

b) STR wanted all countries to use the same data. During the previous negotiations, known as the "Kennedy Round", much negotiation time (several years) was wasted and unproductive merely because the negotiators were using different data. This time, each participating country was planning its own computer system and data base, which was a logistic impossibility in Geneva. STR felt that the U.S. could contribute to the success of the negotiations by supplying one comprehensive on-line data management capability for use of all participants.

5. A study was conducted on the merit of a Geneva based system versus a real-time data link to a U.S. based system. On the basis of cost, it was decided to design a system for Geneva rather than use the expensive services for the large data volume over an inter-continent data link. The final design showed a Geneva based system using the United Nations Service Bureau in Geneva and included a capability for each country to maintain its private file during the negotiations. The proposed system had a backup (non-real-time) in Washington.

6. OJCS used GIM as a software tool and designed, built, tested, and then delivered the system to STR in March 1975. STR contracted with the Commerce Department for computer support, and is now using eight hours computer time per day at the Commerce Department time share facility. Since the delivered system was GIM based, STR contracted with TRW, Inc.

(the GIM developer) for such software services as training, software enhancements, and actual installation in Geneva. This system is now running on an IBM 370/168 in Geneva.

7. Originally, participation of OJCS was to end with delivery of the system. However, OJCS is doing the updates of the data base for STR, and then makes a duplicate copy of the updated data base for OER. These semi-annual updates are projected to cost \$6,000 per year in OJCS resources.

8. OJCS has assigned responsibility for this file to a systems analyst (40-60 man hours per year estimated), who also occasionally provides ad hoc consulting services. Nearly all software support is supplied by TRW, Inc. All data and all updates are readily available to all participating countries.



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